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Gold in tilapia



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Gold in tilapia. Nauman Tomanto, a former field commander of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) and now chairman of the Uyaan National Unit Command Farmers' Association (UNUCFA), shows off the tilapia grown by his association along the waters of Lake Uyaan, in Lanao del Sur. USAID's Targeted Commodity Expansion Program (TCEP) trained Tomanto and his men in tilapia production and linked their cooperative to buyers in neighboring municipalities. Implemented by USAID's Growth with Equity in Mindanao (GEM) Program which operates under the oversight of the Mindanao Economic Development Council (MEDCo), TCEP trains former MNLF combatants to diversify into high value commodities such as vegetables, cardaba bananas, grouper, prawns and tilapia. **(GEM Program)**